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## **Supporting Material**

## Synergistic effect between Cu-Cr bimetallic oxides supported on

## g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> for the selective oxidation of toluene to benzaldehyde

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Fig. S1 Auger spectra of Cu LMM of the prepared catalysts.



Fig. S2 Effect of catalyst amount on toluene oxidation. Reaction conditions: acetonitrile (5 ml), toluene (2.5 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10 mmol), 75 °C, 5 h.



Fig. S3 Effect of reaction time on toluene oxidation. Reaction conditions: acetonitrile (5 ml), toluene (2.5 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10 mmol), catalyst (20 mg), 75 °C.



Fig. S4 (a) XRD patterns of the fresh and reused CuCr<sub>2</sub>/CN catalyst after six catalytic cycles, (b) FESEM image and (c) TEM image of the reused CuCr<sub>2</sub>/CN catalyst.

Entry	Sample	Cu/Cr (nominal)	Cu/Cr (obtained by XPS)
1	CuCr <sub>2</sub> /CN	0.50	0.49
2	CuCr/CN	1.00	1.00
3	Cu <sub>2</sub> Cr/CN	2.00	2.02

 Table S1 The Cu/Cr molar ratios of the prepared Cu-Cr bimetallic catalysts.